

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED  
FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 916 - SB 1223**

March 17, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to host a single, simple, searchable website, accessible by the public at no cost, which includes specific information related to the expenditure of state funds. Authorizes F&A to sell advertisement space on the single, simple, searchable website to defray the costs of the website.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 25, 2009, we issued a fiscal note for this bill indicating an *increase to recurring state revenue of \$180,000 per year, one-time state expenditures of \$800,000, and an increase to recurring state expenditures of \$627,000 per year.* Based on additional information, the fiscal impact of this bill is estimated as follows:

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**Increase State Revenue - \$180,000/Recurring**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$250,000/One-Time  
Exceeds \$150,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The original estimate for this bill was based on information provided by F&A and the Department of Revenue.
- Other states have either implemented similar legislation or have seriously considered implementing similar legislation. The estimated costs vary widely from state-to-state, ranging from \$0 as estimated by the State of Illinois and several others, up to \$1,000,000 as estimated by the State of North Dakota. The State of Kansas initially estimated \$40,000,000, but based on certain public information actual costs for Kansas have been somewhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000.
- Alaska estimated their costs to be \$5,000; Nebraska estimated \$39,000; Nevada estimated \$136,000; Utah estimated \$192,000; Missouri estimated \$293,140; Oklahoma estimated \$300,000; Pennsylvania

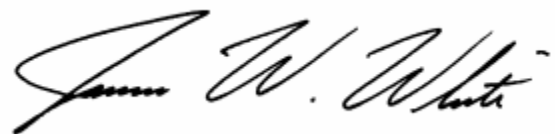
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estimated \$456,850; and Louisiana appropriated \$1,000,000 for such purposes.

- The provisions of this bill require any such database website to be searchable and capable of aggregating information by recipient of funds, amount of funds expended, types of funds (grants, contracts, appropriations, etc.), spending agencies, and the programs for which expenditures are made.
- The database website must also indicate past performance outcomes achieved for all expenditures, expected performance outcomes for any expenditure, and authorized tax exemptions and tax credits.
- Based on the technical requirements for the searchable database website, the one-time increase to state expenditures for the initial creation of the website is reasonably estimated to exceed \$250,000. The increase to recurring state expenditures for maintenance, support services, firewall security, server space, data entry, and any potential licensing agreements, is reasonably estimated to exceed \$150,000 per year.
- F&A estimated 100 banner advertisements generating revenue of approximately \$150 per advertisement per month. Therefore, the increase to state revenue attributable to selling advertisement space on the single, simple, searchable website is estimated to be \$180,000 per year (100 advertisements x \$150 x 12 months = \$180,000).

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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